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LOCAL HEALTH CLINICS PREPARE FOR FLU SEASON

October traditionally marks the beginning of the Influenza Season. The San Antonio Metropolitan Health District has announced the schedule of adult community clinics that will be offering influenza and pneumonia immunizations to area residents. Children needing a flu shot are encouraged to visit their private physician. Persons with Medicare, Medicaid, CareLink and Community First will not be charged for their flu shot. Otherwise, the cost of the flu shot is \$15.00. Persons with Medicare and Medicaid (with a prescription) will not be charged for their pneumonia shot. Otherwise, the cost of the pneumonia shot is \$25.00.

Walk-ins will be accepted at the following clinic locations starting October 13th through November 21st, Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Westlake Mall

1401 SW Loop 410, in the Target hallway before the Center Court

Windsor Park Mall

7900 IH 35 North, on the 1st level near JC Penney's

Dorie Miller Public Health WIC Clinic

2802 Martin Luther King Drive, Suite #3

Las Palmas Environmental Health and Wellness Center

911 Castroville Rd., adjacent to the Las Palmas Shopping Center

Downtown Public Health Immunization Clinic

345 West Commerce St., across from the Main Health Department

Southwest Branch Public Health Clinic

9011 Poteet-Jourdanton Highway, near IH 35 South

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In addition to the above-listed on-going clinic sites, the following special one-day outreach clinics are being scheduled in an effort to accommodate everyone interested in getting immunized.

Saturday, October 11th	Alamodome 100 Montana St.	10:00am-2:30pm
Wednesday, October 15th	St. Jude's Senior Center 130 So. San Augustine Ave.	10:00am-2:00pm
Saturday, October 18th	Crossroads Mall 4522 Fredricksburg Rd.	10:00am-1:30pm
Sunday, November 2nd	Wal-Mart 555 SW Loop 410 & Rt 151	10:00am-3:30pm
Thursday, November 6th	Rayburn Elementary School 635 Rayburn Drive	3:00pm-7:00pm

Anyone with questions regarding the influenza immunization campaign or any of the above clinics sites should call 207-8750 for more information.

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